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Letter dated 6 June 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Today, 6 June 2000, the Serbs of Kosovo and Metohija, the autonomous province of the Yugoslav constituent Republic of Serbia, have fallen prey to terrorism and abuse of power yet again. In a drive-by shooting that has become the trademark of their terror of late, ethnic Albanian terrorists hurled a hand grenade at a group of Serbs at Gracanica, wounding Milutin Arsic, 46, Goran Milenkovic, 20, Ivica Zivic, 23, Snezana Pavic, 55, and Biljana Prica, 35. A short while after the atrocity, as they vented their frustration and protested the indolence of the Kosovo Force (KFOR), who had let the ethnic Albanian gang drive through the town, the Serbs were shot at by the members of KFOR, on which occasion Gligorije Stojanovic was hit in the head and Nebojsa Stojanovic and Miodrag Maksimovic in the shoulder.

The shameful facts speak for themselves, they reveal, only too blatantly, the siding of the international presences with ethnic Albanian separatism and their policy of ethnic cleansing of Serbs and other non-Albanians. Also, this time, the international presences, in fact the members of the British KFOR who were involved, ratcheted up the ignominy another notch: instead of protecting them from ethnic Albanian vandalism, they shot at unarmed Serbs whose "guilt" was to be attacked by ethnic Albanian terrorists.

The latest atrocities fit the pattern of behaviour of the international presences. Oblivious of their mandate under Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999 to provide security to all residents of Kosovo and Metohija, the international presences have concentrated their "peace" actions on searching Serbian homes in the few remaining Serbian enclaves, arresting the Serbs on trumped-up charges of ethnic Albanians and on preventing them from organizing their own protection as none is provided by KFOR and the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK). They do so against the backdrop of the escalation of ethnic Albanian terror and violence which have accounted for the murder of over 20 Serbs in recent time.

Bearing in mind the heinous crime of ethnic Albanian terrorists and the failure of the international presences to prevent the crime, as well as the abuse of power by the British members of KFOR who shot at unarmed Serbian civilians, my Government has instructed me to request an urgent meeting of the Security Council.

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I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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